As you know, over the last 48 hours demonstrators have clashed with riot police in various locations throughout Bahrain, primarily in and around Shi'a villages. As of 1800 local time on 15 February, there are no major infrastructure disruptions and demonstrators are neither threatening nor targeting westerners. We are not currently advising extra precautions beyond those listed in our last Demonstration Notice (Feb. 1), the Country Specific Information for Bahrain, or the Worldwide Caution available at http://bahrain.usembassy.gov. We will continue to monitor the situation and send out further information as warranted.

Demonstrations are currently expected at:

On Wednesday, February 16, from 0800 to 1200, a funeral is planned to start at Salmaniya Medical Center and proceed to Mahooz. Large crowds are expected.

An ongoing demonstration at the Pearl Roundabout remains peaceful but has disrupted traffic in the area.

We remind American citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. American citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website at http://travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, Country Specific Information for Bahrain, Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's web site, which includes consular information and the most recent messages to the American community in Bahrain, is at http://bahrain.usembassy.gov. The Consular Section can be reached at ManamaConsular@state.gov.

See the below map for the gathering locations (circled in red).

